

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2864, Water Resources Development Act.

House committees ordered reported 31 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7809–S7947

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3685–3695, and S. Con. Res. 110. **Pages S7920–21**

Measures Reported:

S. 2464, to revise a provision relating to a repayment obligation of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation under the Fort McDowell Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Act of 1990. (S. Rept. No. 109–284)

S. 2802, to improve American innovation and competitiveness in the global economy, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 109–285)

S. 2703, to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965, with an amendment. **Page S7920**

Measures Passed:

Water Resources Development Act: Senate passed H.R. 2864, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, after striking all after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 728, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 54 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 208), Feingold Modified Amendment No. 4681, to modify a section relating to independent peer review of water resources projects. **Pages S7814–24, S7839**

Rejected:

By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 209), Inhofe Amendment No. 4682, to modify a section relating to independent reviews. **Pages S7824–39**

By 19 yeas to 80 nays (Vote No. 210), McCain Amendment No. 4684, to provide for a water resources construction project prioritization report.

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By 43 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 211), Inhofe/Bond Amendment No. 4683, to modify a section relating to a fiscal transparency and prioritization report.

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Subsequently, S. 728 was returned to the Senate calendar (pursuant to the order of July 14, 2006).

Copyright Royalty Judges Program Technical Corrections Act: Senate passed H.R. 1036, to amend title 17, United States Code, to make technical corrections relating to Copyright Royalty Judges, after agreeing to the committee amendment.

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Violence Against Women Technical Corrections: Senate passed S. 3693, to make technical corrections to the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005.

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Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act: Senate passed S. 418, to protect members of the Armed Forces from unscrupulous practices regarding sales of insurance, financial, and investment products, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Voting Rights Reauthorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 20, 2006, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 9, to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965, that there be eight hours of debate equally divided between the Majority Leader and Minority Leader, or their designees; that there be no amendments in order to the bill; and that following the use, or yielding back of time, Senate vote on final passage of the bill.

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Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort His Excellency Nuri al-Maliki, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq, into the House Chamber for a joint meeting to be held at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, July 26, 2006. **Page S7933**

Energy Bill Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if the Majority Leader or his designee introduces a bill related to energy on Thursday, July 20, 2006, it shall be in order to move to proceed to that legislation on Friday, July 21, 2006. **Page S7947**

Messages From the House: **Pages S7905–06**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—211) **Pages S7839, S7851–52**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:41 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 20, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7944.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MILITARY COMMISSION: HAMDAN V. RUMSFELD

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the status of military commissions in light of the Supreme Court decision in Hamdan v. Rumsfeld, after receiving testimony from Elisa C. Massimino, Human Rights First, Katherine Newell Bierman, Human Rights Watch, Eugene R. Fidell, Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell, LLP, on behalf of the National Institute of Military Justice, James Jay Carafano, Heritage Foundation, and Neal

K. Katyal, Georgetown University, all of Washington, D.C.; Michael Mernin, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, New York, New York; David A. Schlueter, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas; and Scott L. Silliman, Duke University School of Law Center on Law, Ethics, and National Security, Durham, North Carolina.

MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Semi-Annual Monetary Policy Report of the Federal Reserve, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Frederic S. Mishkin, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be First Vice President, James Lambright, of Missouri, to be President, and J. Joseph Grandmaison, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, all of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Geoffrey S. Bacino, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, Edmund C. Moy, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Mint, Department of the Treasury.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Con. Res. 71, expressing the sense of Congress that States should require candidates for driver's licenses to demonstrate an ability to exercise greatly increased caution when driving in the proximity of a potentially visually impaired individual;

S. 3661, to amend section 29 of the International Air Transportation Competition Act of 1979 relating to air transportation to and from Love Field, Texas;

S. 3679, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board;

An original bill, proposed Maritime Administration Improvements Act of 2006; and

The nominations of Mark V. Rosenker, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, R. Hunter Biden, of Delaware, and Donna R. McLean, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak), John H. Hill, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and Andrew B. Steinberg, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, both of